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The Review for September will not be issued until after the close of the Industrial Exhibition. A large number of extra copies of August number will be issued for distribution at the Fall shows, and fanciers should take advantage of this fact and have their advertisements in it. Send in copy early. Those desiring changes in advertisements now running will do us a great favor by having copy with us by the 1st of the month.

Entries for the Industrial Exhibition must be made before August 23rd. Don't forget this.

Look up ad. of Provincial Exhibition in this issue, provide yourselves with prize-lists, and make your entries before the 17th of August. Birds shown in pairs. The prize-list is considerably improved.

J. C. Frisbee, photographer, and proprietor of Virginia Poultry Yards, Magnolia, Virginia, has sent us samples of his work in stamp photographs. They are of the size of an ordinary postage stamp, and of excellent finish. See his ad.

Mr. Doel, in this issue, on page 166, favors us with another of his characteristic letters, and, although it may seem to our readers a waste of space to notice such effusions, we will, as briefly as possible, answer those points which refer to us.

If Mr. Doel was not the mouthpiece of others in his previous letter, then he certainly was very presumptuous in undertaking to champion men and measures without a personal knowledge of the particulars.

We fail to find a single instance where any attempt has been made in the Review to injure Mr. Doel, either by writers under *nom de plumes* or otherwise. We reproduce our remarks made on the occasion of which he complains as unfair criticism, and give our readers the opportunity to judge the case, and also to judge of the motive that prompts Mr. Doel's spleen:

"The judges were very painstaking in their work and few mistakes were made, but where fowls remain so long open to criticism after judging, as in this instance, if any errors are made they are sure to be discovered and commented upon. There was some grumbling, but not more than usual."

"The Asiatics classes were judged by Mr. J. W. Buck, of Brantford, who was very painstaking in his work."

"GAMES. Black-red cocks over the average at this show. We thought a bird shown by Dr. Nichol, of Montreal, should have had a place. Hens, a very fine class—2nd and 3rd better than 1st. Cockerels not equal to cocks; a bird, beautiful in head, neck, tail and station, by W. L. Ball, of Richmond, seemed to many as though a safe winner, but close inspection showed him to be somewhat off-colored on breast and under wings. First prize pullet the best in station, head, neck and tail we have yet seen, but off a little in color; other winners also good. Brown-red class weak; 2nd prize hen best in class. Yellow Duckwings, a medium class; birds generally small and soft. In Silver Duckwings there was nothing particularly worthy of mention. Piles, 1st and 2nd cocks good; 2nd hen a very fine bird, should have been 1st; cockerels, poor, pullets good. White and black Games wanting in station."

We take full responsibility for all comments made on exhibits and judging at the shows, unless they are made over the signature of the party reporting. In this case our criticisms on the judging of the Games were pronounced by several of the best judges in Canada to be correct and fair, and we *did not* "get a disappointed man" to report on any class. The only personal mention made of the judges was in Mr. Buck's case, and that was called forth by the greater care and trouble he took to come to a correct decision on the classes entrusted to him than did his colleagues. We also criticised Mr. Jarvis' judgement in giving 1st prize to a disqualified Plymouth Rock cockerel.

The trouble here is that we failed to give praise to Mr. Doel's judging, and, like a spoiled child, he is jealous. Still he says, "The fact of the matter is, I do not value the Review or its influence sufficient to trouble myself one way or the other,"—at the same time furnishing the only indisputable evidence that this is not the case. He is well aware that the Review has always been honest and unprejudiced in its dealings with the fancy, never letting personal feeling influence its reports, and as a consequence it carries weight with its readers, and when it passes over him in silence he is sore at heart.

We wish Mr. Doel to understand that the Review does not "insinuate." It leaves that for narrow-minded and cowardly individuals who wish to create false impressions by using such language as is contained in the last paragraph of Mr. Doel's letter. It makes plain assertions that anyone can understand. We do assert that Mr. Doel is and has been doing all he can to injure the Review, without compromising his own safety, and we submit his letters as evidence in support of the assertion. However, we can afford to smile at such efforts when the motive is so plainly displayed as it is by Mr. Doel.

The last paragraph of his letter he may consider a masterpiece of wit and sarcasm, but fortunately we are under no obligations to consult him in regard to our movements. We are not aware that either the Review or its publisher has ever been an inflection, or brought discredit on any place or person. Our past record and present position furnishes proof which even Mr. Doel can not gainsay of the support and appreciation of the fanciers generally, and wherever published, we are determined so to conduct it, that their continued confidence will be merited, and its future course be